

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 2570

AN ACT

To require the Secretary of the Interior to undertake a study regarding methods to commemorate the national significance of the United States roadways that comprise the Lincoln Highway, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Lincoln Highway
3 Study Act of 2000”.

4 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE STUDY AND REPORT RE-**
5 **GARDING THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

7 (1) The Lincoln Highway, established in 1913,
8 comprises more than 3,000 miles of roadways from
9 New York, New York, to San Francisco, California,
10 and encompasses United States Routes 1, 20, 30
11 (including 30N and 30S), 40, 50, and 530 and
12 Interstate Route 80.

13 (2) The Lincoln Highway played a historically
14 significant role as the first United States trans-
15 continental highway, providing motorists a paved
16 route and allowing vast portions of the country to be
17 accessible by automobile.

18 (3) The Lincoln Highway transverses the States
19 of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Vir-
20 ginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyo-
21 ming, Utah, Nevada, and California.

22 (4) Although some parts of the Lincoln High-
23 way have disappeared or have been realigned, the
24 many historic, cultural, and engineering features
25 and characteristics of the route still remain.

1 (5) Given the interest by organized groups and
2 State governments in the preservation of features
3 associated with the Lincoln Highway, the route's
4 history, and its role in American popular culture, a
5 coordinated evaluation of preservation options should
6 be undertaken.

7 (b) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Inte-
8 rior, acting through the Director of the National Park
9 Service, shall coordinate a comprehensive study of routes
10 comprising the Lincoln Highway. The study shall include
11 an evaluation of the significance of the Lincoln Highway
12 in American history, options for preservation and use of
13 remaining segments of the Lincoln Highway, and options
14 for the preservation and interpretation of significant fea-
15 tures associated with the Lincoln Highway. The study
16 shall also consider private sector preservation alternatives.

17 (c) COOPERATIVE EFFORT.—The study under sub-
18 section (b) shall provide for the participation of represent-
19 atives from each State traversed by the Lincoln Highway,
20 State historic preservation offices, representatives of asso-
21 ciations interested in the preservation of the Lincoln High-
22 way and its features, and persons knowledgeable in Amer-
23 ican history, historic preservation, and popular culture.

24 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
25 on which funds are first made available for the study

1 under subsection (b), the Secretary of the Interior shall
2 submit a report to Congress containing the results of the
3 study.

4 (e) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this section shall be
5 construed to authorize the Secretary of the Interior or the
6 National Park Service to assume responsibility for the
7 maintenance of any of the routes comprising the Lincoln
8 Highway.

9 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
10 are authorized to be appropriated \$500,000 to carry out
11 this section.

Passed the House of Representatives October 17,
2000.

Attest:

Clerk.

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